

OF NOTE

Lecture series offered at veterans memorial

The New Mexico Veterans Memorial hosts a free lecture series at the Visitors Center at 10:30 a.m.

Scheduled speakers are: "Tuskegee Airmen" by Richard Tolliver, **Feb. 15**; "Submarine Warfare Aboard the USS Puffer" by Charlie Brown, **March 22**; and "Army Engineers" by Larry Blair, **April 19**.

58th SOW holds annual awards ball, Feb. 21

The 58th Special Operations Wing has its annual awards ball, **Feb. 21**, 6 p.m., in the Mountain View Club.

Tickets are available **Feb. 14**. Cost is \$19 for members and \$21 for nonmembers.

Menu includes garden salad, marinated peppered sliced beef, Swiss chicken in white wine mushroom sauce, steamed mixed vegetables, whole baby parsley potatoes, rolls and butter, coffee and tea and pound cake with strawberry topping.

Sign up through unit first sergeants.

Meetings

Tuskegee Airmen meet

The Gen. "Fig" Newton chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., meets the **second Tuesday** each month, 5-6 p.m., in the Santa Fe Room of the Rio Grande Community Center.

Top 3 meets Thursday

The Kirtland Top 3 meets the **second Thursday** each month, 3 p.m., in the Sandia Crest Club.

Call Senior Master Sgt. Mark Hall, 846-1039.

Help plan tribute to military women

The Tribute to Military Women planning committee meets **every Tuesday** in February, 4:30 p.m., in the 58th Maintenance Group conference room, Building 1018.

If you are interested in helping, contact Col. Mary Parker, 853-5820, or Master Sgt. Jackie Pennington, 846-7525.

Miscellanea

Dogs on base must be registered by Feb. 28

All pets on Kirtland AFB must be registered with the Base Veterinary Clinic and Military Family Housing offices by **Feb. 28**.

The veterinary clinic is open Tuesday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and Friday, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Call 846-4276.

Pet registration forms are available from the Housing Office. The office is open weekdays, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Call 846-8217.

City Transit brings riders through Eubank gate

Albuquerque Transit Department has resumed bringing SunTran bus riders onto the base through the Eubank gate.

The buses enter four times in the morning and four times in the afternoon during the rush hours.

Drop off is just inside the Eubank Gate on 20th Street; the bus then departs the base.

Anyone with valid base entry pass can purchase bus passes at the Sandia Federal Credit Union or the "SERP" office in the Coro-

Diversity essay contest open to youth

"Why Diversity is Important" is the theme of a youth essay contest open to youth in kindergarten to 12th grades.

Submissions in a variety of categories are accepted through **Feb. 14**. All participants can attend the Diversity Family Day, **Feb. 28**, 6 p.m., at the Kirtland Boys and Girls Club where prizes will be given.

Submissions with the entrant's name, phone number and grade written on the back of the submission are accepted at the Boys and Girls Club.

Call 1st Lt. Jeffrey Kierman, 846-3042, Capt. Marnita Eaddie, 846-0858, or Capt. April Restine, 853-8085.

Flu shots available

Flu shots are available for active duty and their dependents, retirees and their dependents and all eligible DOD employees.

The shots are administered at the 377th Medical Group Immunization Clinic. Hours are **Monday-Wednesday**, 7 a.m.-4 p.m., **Thursday**, 7 a.m.-3 p.m., and **Friday**, 7 a.m.-noon.





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OF NOTE

Furniture store operating hours change

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service Furniture Store in the Mini Mall changes operating hours.

The new schedule is: Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; and closed on Sunday.

Mobile Party Pig offers breakfast, lunch

The Party Pig mobile eatery offers breakfasts and lunches from the Army and Air Force Exchange Service concession in Building 923.

To order, call 846-7808.

The concession offers buffets on Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday.

Miscellanea

Antisuicide Web site up

The Air Force Suicide Prevention Web site is operational at <https://www.afms.mil/afspp/>.

Boating, seamanship skills taught

Albuquerque flotilla of the Coast Guard Auxiliary presents a nine-week boating skills and seamanship course, starting Feb. 25.

The class meeting Tuesdays at 7 p.m. includes a certificate of completion.

Nominal fee is for text and workbooks; instruction is free. Topics include equipment for your boat, trailering your boat, boat handling, mandatory rules, highway signs, lines and knots.

For required preregistration, call Ben at 298-0116.

Personnel

Blood drives set

Kirtland AFB sponsors

blood drives conducted by United Blood Services.

A waiting period is imposed for people who have had Smallpox vaccinations.

Sandia National Laboratories, every Tuesday, 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Space and Missile Systems Detachment 12, Building 497, Feb. 20, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Air Force Research Laboratory, Feb. 20, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Electronic W-2s available

ARLINGTON, Va. (AFPN)—Military members and DOD civilians can now view, save and print their W-2 wage and tax statements from myPay at <https://mypay.dfas.mil>.

Military retirees and annuitants can view, save and print their tax form 1099s as well.

Customers can also help DOD save money by volunteering to turn off the print copy of their leave and earnings statements and checking it online. DOD can save up to 34 cents for each LES that is delivered electronically instead of in hard copy.

Recruiting Creativity tournament appraisers needed

Appraisers from TEAM KIRTLAND are sought for a children's creativity and problem-solving program tournament March 22.

The program is for youth of all ages from 47 states nationwide, 15 foreign countries and Canadian provinces.

The program with technical, structural and theatrical challeng-

Tax breaks set for military serving in combat zone

WASHINGTON (AFPN)—Military members serving in designated combat zones supporting the global war against terrorism can get a tax break from Uncle Sam.

Eligible servicemembers can exclude from federal income tax either all or some of their active-duty pay—and certain other pays—earned during service in a designated combat zone.

According to the Internal Revenue Service Armed Forces Tax Guide for 2002, "a combat zone is any area the president designates by Executive Order as an area in which the U.S. Armed Forces are engaging or have engaged in combat."

Current combat zones are Afghanistan, specified parts of the Kosovo area and the Persian Gulf region.

Servicemembers in several other areas specified in law as "qualified hazardous-duty areas" are eligible for the same tax breaks.

Bosnia-Herzegovina, the former

Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Croatia have been listed since November 1995.

The downloadable Armed Forces' Tax Guide for 2002 can be accessed on the Web at www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p3.pdf. It lists many, but not all, designated combat zones.

While people can use the tax guide in preparing their 2002 federal tax returns, those who have specific questions about designated combat zones should contact their unit personnel or pay officials or unit tax assistance officer.

The IRS guide notes servicemembers normally do not need to claim the combat zone exclusion or subtract eligible earning on their federal tax returns.

The services normally have already excluded combat zone earnings from the taxable gross income reported on servicemembers' Form W-2s, the guide says.

es lasts several months and is designed to help the participants build teamwork and divergent thinking.

Appraiser training is March 1, 8 a.m., at Sandia High School. Contact Master Sgt. David Halvorson at 846-6636 or david.halvorson@kirtland.af.mil or Chief Master Sgt. Lou Kohrs at 846-2401 or louis.kohrs@kirtland.af.mil.

IRS hiring

The Internal Revenue Service conducts a recruitment drive Feb. 12, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Consolidated Support Building 20245.

National recruiter Denis Huot will be at an information table, providing information about employment opportunities within the IRS and other federal agencies.

Call Leslie Kuykendall at the Family Support Center, 846-0751.

'Strides Against Breast Cancer' needs walkers

Teams from Kirtland AFB are sought to join the annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk, April 6.

Teams from the base are invited to join the event sponsored by the American Cancer Society. Teams captains are also needed.

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